

PRESERVE
THE RIVER

**Help conserve the
special nature of the
Connecticut River by
picking up your trash.**

For further information about the
sites listed in this brochure contact:

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Silvio O. Conte National Fish & Wildlife Refuge

52 Avenue A; Turners Falls, MA 01376

tel: (413) 863-0209

web: www.fws.gov/r5soc

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Dept of Conservation and Recreation**

Central Region

PO Box 484; Amherst, MA 01004

tel: (413) 545-5993

web: www.mass.gov/dcr

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**

Connecticut Valley Wildlife District

341 East Street; Belchertown, MA 01007

tel: (413) 323-7632

web: www.masswildlife.org

City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.

99 Suffolk Street; Holyoke, MA 01040

tel: (413) 536-9300

web: www.hged.com

City of Northampton

Office of Planning and Development

210 Main Street, City Hall

Northampton, MA 01060

413 587-1262 / fax 413 587-1264

web: www.NorthamptonMA.gov/opd

**For all emergencies
Dial 911**

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department of
Conservation and Recreation

dcr



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**INFORMATION FOR
BOATERS**

Public Use Areas

Bashan Beach

Part of the Connecticut River Greenway State Park. Owned by the MA DCR. Beaches, floodplain forest, within the Water Trail.

Elwell Island

Owned by the City of Northampton. Large beach, floodplain forest.

Rainbow Beach Wildlife Management Area

Jointly owned by the MA DFW and the City of Northampton. Large beach, rare plants and animals, floodplain forest. Additional regulations are posted. Tents and camping are prohibited.

Hockanum Beach (aka Tent City)

Part of the Connecticut River Greenway State Park. Owned by the MA DCR. Beaches, floodplain forest. Tenting not allowed.

Dinosaur Footprints

Owned by The Trustees of Reservations. Ancient fossilized dinosaur footprints, rare plants. Note that access to the footprints is from Route 5 only - crossing the railroad tracks to get to the footprints from the river is prohibited and unsafe.

The following regulations apply to ALL public use areas along the Connecticut River. Some public use areas have additional rules - contact the managing agency for more information.



**NO
CAMPING**



**NO
FIRES**



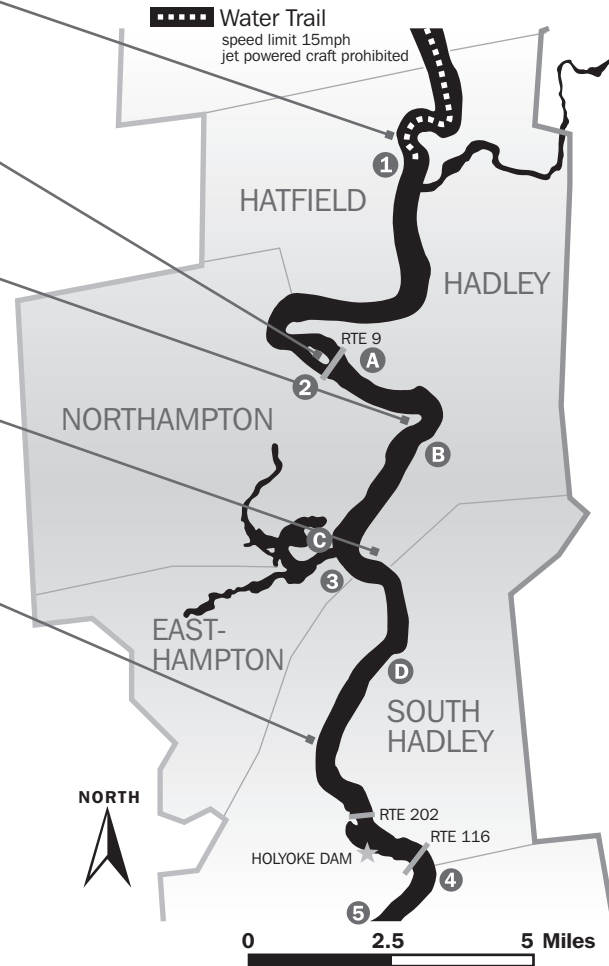
**NO
ATV s**



**NO
LITTER**

Enjoy! the Connecticut River

**FISHING • HIKING • RELAXING
PICNICKING • BIRD-WATCHING**



Public Access Points

1 Hatfield Boat Ramp

Owned by MA DCR. One mile north of Hatfield Center. Shallow draft, lightweight boats and canoes.

2 Elwell Recreation Area

Owned by MA DCR. Damon Road at Route 9 and I-91. Canoe and rowing access only. Paved access ramp to a wheelchair accessible dock on the river. Limited Parking.

3 Oxbow Boat Ramp

Owned by MA DFW. Take I-91 to exit 18 South on Route 5 in Easthampton. Paved ramp customarily used by larger boats. 35 parking spaces.

4 South Hadley/Chicopee Access

James Street at the South Hadley/Chicopee town line downstream from the Holyoke Dam. Gravel ramp suitable for shallow draft fishing boats. Popular during the shad fishing season. 6-8 parking spaces.

5 Jones Ferry River Access Center

City of Holyoke. Located on Jones Ferry Road off Main Street in South Holyoke, 1 mile from the intersection of Main Street and Route 5. Steep, paved ramp suitable for small craft. Low river conditions most of the season. Limited parking.

Marinas

A Sportman's Marina 413-584-7141

B Mitch's Marina 413-584-7960

C Oxbow Marina 413-584-2775

D Brunelle's Marina 413-536-3132

If a location is not listed here, it is probably privately-owned.
Contact the landowner for permission before using their property.